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This collection of 10 reports focuses on research in the area of language and understanding, with emphasis on the effects of such research on language teaching and applied linguistics. The reports address issues in psycholinguistics, pragmatics, second language acquisition, syntax, text linguistics, language testing, and sociolinguistics. The papers include: (1) "Modes of Understanding" (Gillian Brown); (2) "Understanding, Language, and Educational Processes" (Christopher Brumfit); (3) "Relevance and Understanding" (Deirdre Wilson); (4) "Syntactic Clues to Understanding" (Keith Brown); (5) "Understanding Words" (Jean Aitchison); (6) "Psychological Processes and Understanding" (Alan Garnham); (7) Towards an Explanation of Second Language Acquisition" (Ellen Bialystok); (8) "Comprehension Testing, Or Can Understanding Be Measured?" (Bernard Spolsky); (9) "Sociolinguistics and Second Language Learning" (Lesley Milroy); and (10) "Understanding Texts: Point of View" (Michael Short). (Contains 248 references.) (MDM)

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